

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 25, 2003
1647 E. Morten, Training Room**

Members Present:

Michel Sucher, MD	Mark Stroh
Mark Venuti	Dave Samuels
Kay Lewis, PhD	Jerry Stein
Michael Ward, DO	Robert Vavrick, MD
Charlie Smith	Therese Williamson (Dunn)
Scott Butler	Taylor Payson
Peter Vann, MD	Marilyn Price
Daniel Spaite, MD	Gitti Silven
Rick Bartee	Bob Ramsey
Sgt. Richard Thacher	Patty Seneski
Willie Minor, Ed.D.	Robert Costello
John Gallagher, MD	Janine Anderson
Kurt Krumperman	Joseph Gulotta
Scott Petersen, MD	David Ressler

Members Absent:

Gary Bradbury
David Cheney
Michael Frias
Jan Hauk
Neal Thomas

BEMS Staff Present:

Victor Dominguez	Judi Crume
Larry Heidenberg	Donna Meyer
Susan Nicolas	Gerald Ollier
Howard Schwartz	Lorenzo Henry
Chuck Kramer	Suzy Baulch
Peggy Lahren	Betty Yunick
Dona Markley	

Guests Present:

Paula Davis	Peter Vann, MD
Stephen Powles	Brian Smith
Robert Olmstead	Jim Morgan
Lynn Keating	Jim Heskett
Toni Brophy, MD	
Joshua Zeidler, DO	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Michel Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

Michel Sucher recognized Gerald Ollier for his heroic efforts in saving the driver of an 18-wheeler that careened off an elevated freeway ramp near downtown Phoenix.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kay Lewis and seconded by Bob Ramsey to accept the agenda of April 25, 2003 and to approve the minutes of January 24, 2003 with no corrections.

Motion carried.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Council:

- The new proposed JLBC budget continues to have significant cuts in the Public Health and Behavioral Health Budgets

- Some of the funds from the EMS Operating Fund were used to cover the 2003 budget deficit and there are some proposals out there to take some money at the end of 2004
 - There is just enough in the EMS Operating Fund to keep the Bureau running for the first quarter of 2004
- Any funds that have surplus money will most likely be targeted for sweeping
- The Governor's office will be distributing information on what the concerns of the JLBC Budget are
- The state is in the process of working with AHCCCS in drafting legislation and rules to distribute Proposition 202 money to the trauma centers
- The Department of Health Services has a new building that will be located downtown
- The Bureau of EMS will be moving on July 18, 2003 to 150 North 18th Avenue, 5th Floor
- There is information about the move on the website
- The Arizona Injury and Prevention Plan was distributed to each member
- EMS Week is May 18 – 24, 2003 (booklets are available)
- The Department of Health Services Prevention Newsletter (available at the meeting)

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

- There were no Loyalty Oaths handed out.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Update

- Michel Sucher reported that the Director, Catherine Eden, was notified on March 26, 2003 by Governor Napolitano that the appointments listed below have been made. We have not received their Loyalty Oaths in our office yet.
 - Janine Anderson
 - Robert T. Costello
 - John Gallagher (also an MDC member)
 - Joseph Gulotta
 - Kurt Krumperman
 - Scott Petersen
 - David R. Ressler
- Catherine Eden has been notified that Mark Venuti has been reappointed by Governor Napolitano
- Neal Thomas was appointed by the previous administration under Governor Hull.
We do not have the Loyalty Oath in our office.
- There are no vacancies on the committee

Michel Sucher introduced the new Trauma Program Administrator, Suzy Baulch, to the Committee.

- B. EMS Council Executive Committee Report** –At the next EMS Executive Committee meeting on May 8, 2003 we are going to have the presentations that were planned for the core group of the EMS Futures Workgroup meeting.

- 1. EMS Futures Workgroup Membership** - Michel Sucher reported that the Department has decided to rethink how the Bureau should proceed in EMS Futures Planning. The initial discussion was not inclusive of all stakeholders in trying to keep the group small (11 people). A survey tool was distributed to get the committee's opinion on how to proceed.

Please make all suggestions known to Judi Crume or Michel Sucher so they can bring forward to the EMS Council Executive Committee.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Committee –

- 1. Admission of out-of-state ALS providers to attend an Arizona ALS Refresher Course** – A motion was made by Mark Venuti seconded by Willie Minor to support changes to admission requirements to allow Nationally Registered ALS providers from other states to attend refreshers conducted in Arizona. **Motion carried.**

B. Rules Committee – The Rules Committee did not meet.

C. Budget Committee – The Budget Committee did not meet.

VII. RULES STATUS REPORT

- A. Chapter 25 Revision** - The Bureau is currently reviewing and revising Title IX Chapter 25 Rules. On the Bureau's website is a draft of the Chapter 25 Rules Revision. The draft was reviewed as a courtesy by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) and they were very pleased. The Bureau will continue to take comments and suggestions. The goal is to have the Notice of Proposed Rules that will be published with the Secretary State by June. GRCC should be voting on the rules somewhere between October and November and hopefully have the rules go into effect on January 1, 2004.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMSCOM Update** – Stephen Powles, EMCOM Coordinator, updated the Committee on Contract No. 05501. Prescott system is up and operational. There are two sites where microwave radios have been installed. One is Childs Mountain, which communicates with the Quijotoa site. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is continuing to install base stations. Their initial projected completion date of December 31, 2001 will not be achieved.

- B. Interoperability** – Curt Knight from the Arizona Department of Public Safety addressed the Committee. The primary goal of the Arizona Public Safety Communications Committee is to develop a state-of-the-art Public Safety Interoperability Communications Network for Arizona.

It was recommended that the Committee also have representation from the private sector (EMS Transport) and a representative from base hospitals.

The meetings of this Committee are open meetings. The next meeting of the Arizona Public Safety Communications Committee will be held at 1 p.m. in Classroom 1 on June 24, 2003 of the Arizona Post Building Training and the address is 2643 E. University.

There will be 10 Town Hall Meetings in one year. The target for the Needs Analysis is 450 thousand dollars. This will include 15 counties (1 on 1 interviews) and 13 cities over 50,000.

It was suggested that Town Hall Meetings be held for all four regions of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

It was recommended that the Needs Assessments be put on the Bureau's website.

It was requested that a status report of the Arizona Public Safety Committee be given at the next EMS Council meeting on June 20, 2003.

C. RSI Pilot Project

1. Approval as an Optional Procedure

Distributed Statewide Results for the Pilot Study of the Prehospital Use of Medication Assisted Intubation (Rapid Sequence Intubation). Results from 169 patients and there was only 1 complication cricothyrotomy (CRIC). It was felt that cricothyrotomy CRIC was inevitable but it was still counted. There were some transient complications. The results showed an 88% to 94% overall success rate.

The Medical Direction Commission recommended going forward as an optional procedure with approval by the Medical Director of the Bureau in looking at the protocols and making sure that proper training is in place. The Medical Direction Commission is going to develop some type of guidelines to recommend to Michel Sucher.

A motion was made by Mark Venuti seconded by Robert Vavrick to accept this motion as discussed in Medical Direction Commission.

Motion carried.

D. Bioterrorism Preparedness – Rose Conner gave an overview. This year the Department of Health Services was given 2.2 million dollars to implement a hospital bioterrorism preparedness program for the State of Arizona in collaboration with the 16 million that was given to the overall state bioterrorism preparedness. Jane Wixted is the coordinator for the State. Every hospital except one has met with Jane Wixted for a one on one to do a four-hour survey. The last one will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Jane Wixted has also met with the Hospital Association's Chief Executive Officers to discuss the overview of the assessments. The assessments are in the

process of being distributed to every hospital within this month. Every hospital will be getting a check for \$5,000 dollars for their participation in the assessment process.

The grant required that 80% of the 2.2 million dollars was to go to the hospitals. The 2.2 million dollars will be distributed based on a formula that will be calculated on the emergency department volume of each of the hospitals. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has notified us that we will be getting 9 million dollars in the next round of funding. We are waiting for the guidance to come out to develop the grant proposal. The grant will be due 60 days after we receive the documents from HRSA. Because HRSA has been delayed in giving us the application they have given us the option of applying for the first 20% of the 9 million to get started in distributing to the hospitals. We have put in the application for that and they have notified us that we will get that 20%.

Jane Wixted is now participating with the Arizona Public Safety Committee.

It was recommended that Jane Wixted update the EMS Council at the next meeting on the Arizona Public Safety Committee.

Item: Bioterrorism Preparedness
Follow Up: EMS Council
When: June 20, 2003
Who: Jane Wixted

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Location of June 2003 EMS Council Meeting** – The next meeting of the EMS Council will be take place at the AEMS Odyssey Conference which is being held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway, Phoenix. If anyone would like to make arrangement to have lunch you will need to contact AEMS.
- B. Rural AED Program** – The Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) Grant of \$216,000 dollars has been proportionally distributed to all the regions for rural AED placement. HRSA is going to continue funding rural AEDs. There will be a meeting held this afternoon to discuss this issue.
- C. Bureau Medical Director** – Michel Sucher stated that he has filled the Acting Medical Director position for the last fifteen months. The Department has decided to conduct a search process for the position of Medical Director for the Bureau of EMS. Michel Sucher said that he will apply for the position. One member of each of the statutory committees will be on the review panel.

Michael Ward made a motion, seconded by Gitti Silven to nominate Kay Lewis for the review panel as the representative from the EMS Council.

Motion carried.

D. Paramedic Scope of Practice when working in a hospital setting

Paula Davis from Glendale Community College asked the Committee to create a task force at the direction of the EMS Council to address the issues and consider a revision of rules or administrative code to address the role of ALS personnel working in a nontraditional setting.

It was suggested that the Council look at the legal ramifications of changing this rule. It was recommended that this item go through the Education and Rules Committees.

Item: Paramedic Scope of Practice when working in a hospital setting

Follow Up: Education Committee

When: Next Meeting – May 16, 2003

Who: Paula Davis

X. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

HB2370 fire district bill has passed legislation.

XI. REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Central** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. EMS Odyssey will be held June 19 – 20, 2003.
- B. Southern** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau
SAEMS held a HIPAA class in March and over sixty people attended. Kino Community Hospital Emergency Department is trying desperately to stay open until July 1, 2003. The Adhoc Committee met April 24, 2003 to revise policies and procedures. Awarded partial funding to an IEMT class for 20 students. Taylor Payson thanked John Duvall from the University Medical Center for the services he provided to the Southeastern Region. Tucson Medical Center will be closing their Level I Trauma Center on July 1, 2003. Tucson Heart will be applying to cancel their Basic Hospital status and become a Centralized Medical Control Facility.
- C. Western** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
- D. Northern** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
The Northern Region was able to take 5% off the original price of the AEDs. In the savings they were able to purchase 2 more AEDs.

XII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

XIII. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Starting April 25, 2003 Central Arizona College is conducting an Intermediate Transitional Course. So far there are 14 students enrolled. AEMS has graciously agreed to provide the funding
- Phoenix College is having an Instructional Strategy Course meeting on May 3, 2003. Anyone who is interested please make application to Peggy Lahren
- 3rd Annual EMS Odyssey Conference will be held June 19 – 20, 2003 at the Embassy Suites, Phoenix

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held June 20, 2003 at the Embassy Suites Hotel

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Approved by EMS Council on 6/20/03